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funny stories. Also saw Millard Tydings, not yet entirely recovered from his long endured attack of shingles.

Lots of talk with Jacques Reinstein on pending German negotiations.

We went to see Alice and Dean Acheson. Dean thinks the Administration incapable of rectifying our decline in relation to the Soviet Union. He is devastatingly clever, [redacted] bitter and not constructive. He advised Adlai Stevenson against becoming a Dulles consultant, thinks he wants to be nominated again, and has a low regard for his ability. He regards Nixon as a formidable possibility for election in 1960, and bet E (who is not of this mind) ten dollars at even odds Nixon, whom he despises, would win against any Democratic candidate. Dean is overfull of bile and it is sad.

We dined with Kay Halle. Superb meal, featured by vermicelli (well garlicked) cooked by Gloria Williams.

Thursday, November 28, 1957

Had Thanksgiving lunch with that congenial couple, Lorraine and John Cooper. Truman took us to the train. We were loath to part with Schu. The house is full of buffalo moths - one of Washington's major curses - and I have settled with an exterminator to do them in.

We reached Ellen and Jim's apartment, 280 Park Avenue, after dinner. They are in Maryland, well launched on his Senatorial campaign.

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